GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7817
ANSWERED ON:16.05.2000
AWARD FOR BLOOD DONATION
A. KRISHNASWAMY

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to boost the spirit of donors the Government would consider to institute an award for those who voluntarily donate blood for a specific number of times;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the number of persons who donate blood for more than hundred times, State-wise especially in Tamil Nadu?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI N SHANMUGAM)

(a),(b) & (c) At present no such proposal is under consideration of the Government to institute an award for those who voluntarily donate blood for a specific number of times. Professional blood donation has been banned in the country` and blood donated voluntarily is considered to be the best blood. Though some donors have been honoured on various occasions by different state governments and even by National AIDS Control Organisation, it is considered that instituting an award may take away the spirit of voluntary donation.

(d) Such data is not routinely maintained. However, list of donors, as reported by concerned State AIDS Control Societies is enclosed.

Annexure to Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 7817 for reply on 16th May, 2000

LIST OF DONORS

Sl.No.	Name of the State/UT	No. of persons who have donated blood more than 100 times
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Nil
2.	Andaman & Nicobar	Nil
3.	Daman & Diu	Nil
4.	Himachal Pradesh	1
5.	Kerala	Nil
6.	Maharashtra	37
7	Mizroam	Nil
8.	Tamil Nadu	2